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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM FY 1980-ZZB GUIDELINES

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A NARCOTICS COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR VENEZUELA MAY TAKE SHAPE AS A RESULT OF THE DELIBERATION OF THE MIXED U.S.- VENEZUELAN COMMISSION (AUTHORIZED BY THE MARCH 28 BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS COOPERATION) WE HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TAKE PLACE AT THE GOV'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE REGARDING VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION. THEREFORE, WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THE GOV IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND TO WORK WITH THEM IN CREATIN
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AND BREATHING LIFE INTO THE COMMISSION.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SEEMS ONLY SENSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE GOV'S APPRAISAL OF LOCAL NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AS WELL AS THEIR ESTIMATE OF WHICH PROBLEMS WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SOME SIGNIFICANT GRIST FOR THE COMMISSION'S MILL, AND HELP TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE EFFECTIVELY.

3. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT S/NM DEFER CONSIDERATION OF A COUNTRY NARCOTICS PROGRAM HERE UNTIL THE MIXED COMMISSION IS
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ORGANIZED. WE WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT FULLY INFORMEE REGARDING ITS PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY AS AREAS OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION BECOME MORE CLEARLY DEFINED.
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